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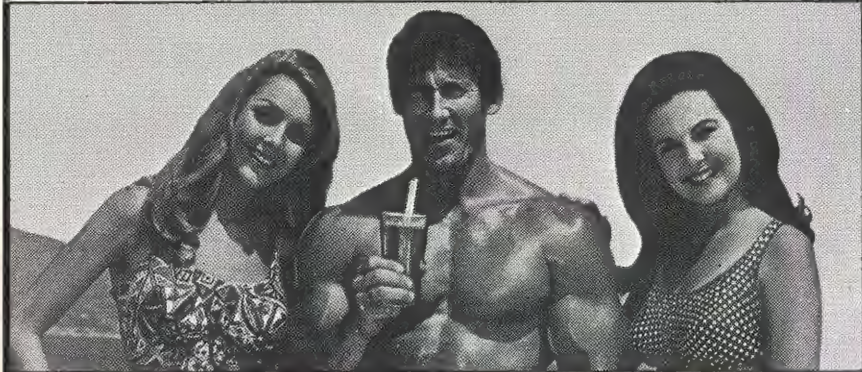

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THE LOCAL GENTRY ARE REALLY DIGGIN' THIS SCENE!
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'TIS TRULY BEYOND BELIEF! THEY COME FROM THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS OF THE FOG-SHROUDED NORTHLAND!*
* WHICH ALL MARVELDOM ASSEMBLED KNOWS AS THE HOME OF THE INCOMPARABLE INHUMANS! ... SLY STAN.
HEY, STRETCHO... WHEN WE GIT BACK TA FUN CITY...
LET'S TRADE THIS IN FER A SWINGIN' SUZUKI!
WHERE'S YOUR SENTIMENT, BEN?
IT WAS A GIFT FROM BLACK BOLT!
BIG DEAL! I WOULDN'T MIND TRADIN' HIM IN, ALSO!
HOLD IT! THERE'S SOMETHING UP AHEAD!
FIGHTER PLANES!! AND THEY'RE MAKING A BEE LINE RIGHT FOR US!!
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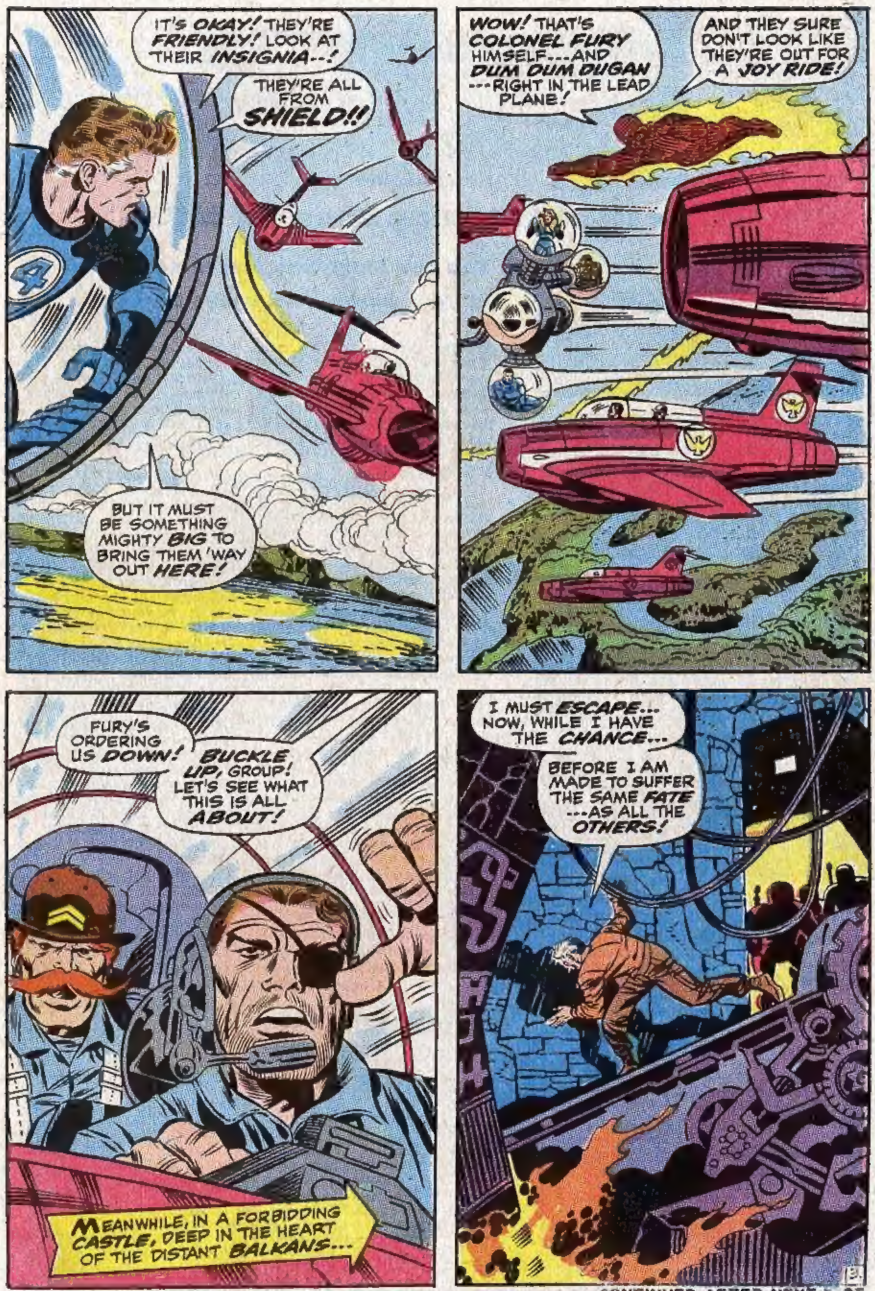

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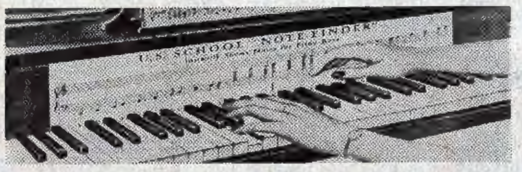

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THERE... JUST AHEAD... IS THE OPEN SEA!
AND DRIFTING RIGHT TOWARDS ME...A BOAT!
IT IS ALMOST... TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE... YOU WHIMPERING FOOL!
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HAVE I NOT TOLD YOU HOW I DEARLY LOVE MY SUBJECTS?
DID YOU THINK I WOULD ALLOW A SINGLE ONE TO LEAVE THIS REALM?
THE WELFARE OF MY PEOPLE IS EVER CLOSEST TO MY HEART!
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IT ALL STARTED WHEN ONE OF OUR TOP AGENTS SUDDENLY DIS-APPEARED!
I KNEW IT HADDA BE TIED IN WITH HIS REPORTS OF A STRANGE AND SECRET ARMY SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE!
A SECRET ARMY? WHOM DOES IT BELONG TO? WHERE IS IT HIDDEN?
YOU CAN'T KEEP SOME-THING LIKE THAT UNDER WRAPS!
THIS ONE CAN BE HIDDEN... 'CAUSE IT AIN'T SO ALL-FIRED BIG!
BUT IT COULD BE THE DEADLIEST ARMY OF ALL TIME!
YOU'RE TALKING IN RIDDLES, COLONEL!
THAT'S THE RIGHT WORD FOR IT, MISTER!
IT'S A BLASTED RIDDLE, ALL RIGHT!
THIS IS THE LAST THING OUR AGENT SENT... BEFORE HE VANISHED!
IT'S JUST A MECHANICAL, ROBOTIC ARM!
WHY DO YOU KEEP IT UNDER SUCH HEAVY GUARD?
I WAS KINDA HOPIN' YOU'D ASK ME THAT!

DUM DUM... DUCK! IT'S GETTIN' LOOSE AGAIN!
KEEP YER EYES OPEN, RICHARDS! YER ABOUT TO LEARN SOMETHIN'!
MOVED TOO FAST FOR YA, HUH ?
THAT ARM'S PART OF A MACHINE WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IS... TO DESTROY!
CAN YA IMAGINE WHAT AN ARMY OF THEM THINGS COULD DO?
LOOK OUT! IT GRABBED ITSELF A GUN!
TAKE COVER, FURY! WE'LL TAKE OVER NOW!
WATCH IT, CRYS! GET OVER THERE, GIRL!
I ALMOST FORGOT THE BASIC RULE... NEVER STAY CLOSE TOGETHER WHERE WE'LL BE EASY TARGETS!
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BUT WHY LATVERIA?? WHY DO WE HAVETA GO THERE?
BECAUSE NOBODY IS THE EQUAL OF DR. DOOM IN BUILDING DEADLY ROBOTS!
THEN WE SHOULD'A BEEN AIR-LIFTED! IF DOOM SPOTS US...
THAT'S THE IDEA! HE'S SUPPOSED TO FIND US!
ONLY BY BEING CAPTURED CAN WE LEARN WHAT WE MUST...
HOLD IT! WE'VE COME TO ANOTHER CHECKPOINT!
YOU ARE BOUND FOR LATVERIA?
THAT CAN BE .. MOST UNWISE!
WE'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT!
WE HAVE BUSINESS THERE!
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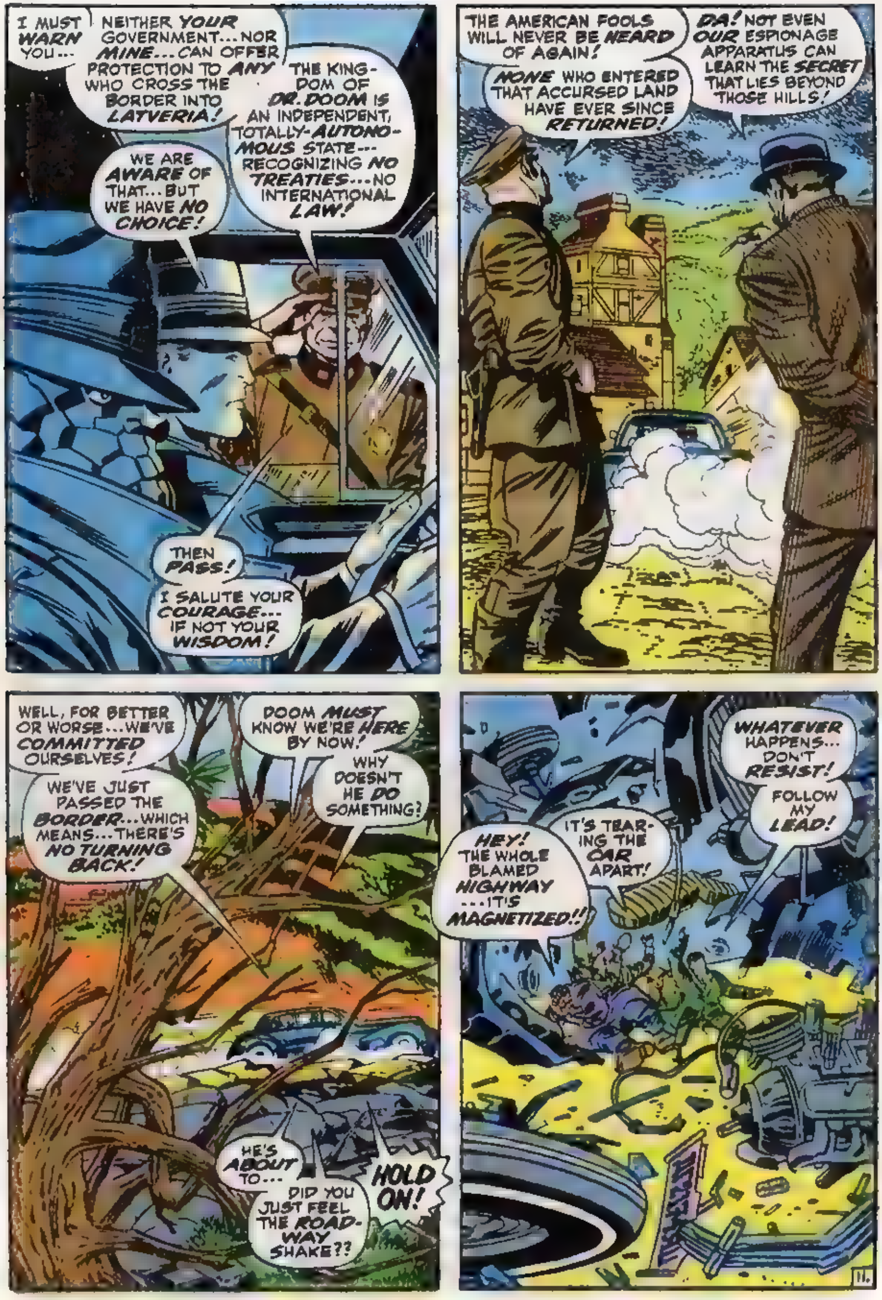
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THEN PASS!
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NONE WHO ENTERED THAT ACCURSED LAND HAVE EVER SINCE RETURNED!
DA! NOT EVEN OUR ESPIONAGE APPARATUS CAN LEARN THE SECRET THAT LIES BEYOND THOSE HILLS!
WELL, FOR BETTER OR WORSE... WE'VE COMMITTED OURSELVES!
WE'VE JUST PASSED THE BORDER... WHICH MEANS... THERE'S NO TURNING BACK!
DOOM MUST KNOW WE'RE HERE BY NOW!
WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING?
HE'S ABOUT TO...
DID YOU JUST FEEL THE ROADWAY SHAKE??
HOLD ON!
WHATEVER HAPPENS... DON'T RESIST!
FOLLOW MY LEAD!
IT'S TEARING THE CAR APART!
HEY! THE WHOLE BLAMED HIGHWAY ...IT'S MAGNETIZED!!
11.

BUT, SCARCELY HAVE THE WORDS LEFT REED RICHARDS' MOUTH, WHEN...
HUMANIZED ROBOTS... ATTACKING US!
CRYSTAL!
SHE IS TO BE BLINDFOLDED!
SHE MUST NOT SEE WHERE TO HURL HER ELEMENTAL POWER!
REMEMBER MY ORDERS...
DON'T FIGHT THEM!
NO! THEY'RE NOT GETTING CRYS!
FLAME ON!
ONE PURSUES US!
LET HER GO!
RELEASE HER-- OR I'LL COOK YOUR COGWHEELS LIKE A MELTED OMELETTE!
THE MASTER HAS PROVIDED APPROPRIATE WEAPONS--
FOR DEALING WITH EACH OF YOU!
FOR THE HUMAN TORCH... A CLOSE-RANGE ELECTRO-SHOCK PISTOL!
UNNHHH!
JOHNNY'S STUNNED!
THE VOLTS DOUSED HIS FLAME!
THAT'S THE LAST SHOT YOU'LL FIRE!
STOP HIM! STOP HIM!
12

JOHNNY SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME!
NOW WE HAVE TO FIGHT--- ON DOOM'S TERMS!
EMPLOY YOUR INSULATO-SHIELD!..
I SHALL STOP THEM WITH A HEAT SHELL!
THERE! NONE CAN DEFY THE WONDROUS WEAPONRY OF THE MASTER!
DON'T BET ON IT, BUTTER-CUP!
THAT BLASTED HEAT IS MELTIN' MY TOP-COAT CLEAN OFF...
BUT I OUGHTTA REACH 'IM BEFORE MY YUMMY ORANGE SKIN GITS ROASTED!
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DIDN'T THINK I'D MAKE IT, HUH?
WELL, HERE'S A LITTLE MESSAGE YA CAN BRING TA DOOM...
FROM HIS EVER-LOVIN' BLUE-EYED PEN PAL...
IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!
BLAANG
UH OH! WHAT IN THE NAME'A AUNT PETUNIA IS THAT?
WELL, WHATEVER IT IS...
I'LL BLAST IT CLEAN BACK TA YANCY STREET BEFORE IT CAN LAND...!
GAS!! IT'S... KOFF CHOKIN' ME!
THEY... WANTED ME... TO PUNCH IT!!
THAT WUZ... THE WAY ...TO RELEASE IT!

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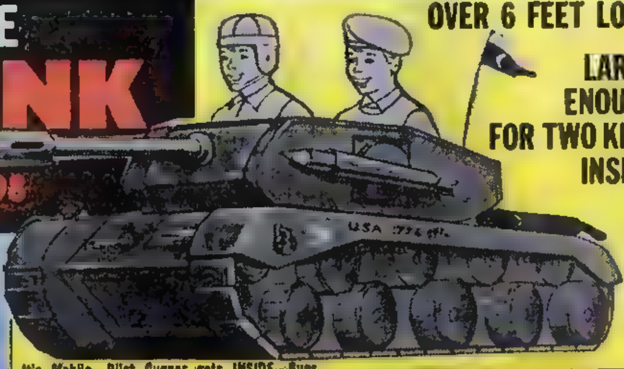

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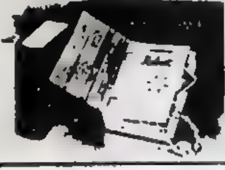

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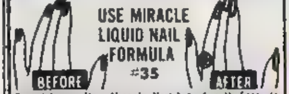

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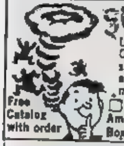

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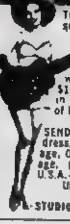

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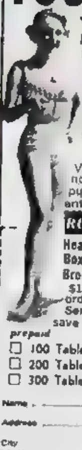

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TELL HER TO MEET US IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE, LAD! NOW!
EVERYONE LOOKS SO JOYFUL... BUT THEY JUMP AT EVERY SOUND!
THERE'S SOME-THING TERRIBLE BEHIND ALL THIS!
WHY THE PANIC, GANG?
MEBBE DOOM FINALLY FIGGERED IT JUST DON'T PAY TA MESS AROUND WITH A MIXED SET OF HOT SHOTS... LIKE US!
OR MEBBE HE SUDDENLY GOT RELIGION, OR SOME-THIN'?
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANY MORE THAN WE DO, BEN!
WE'RE IN THE WORST DANGER OF OUR LIVES... AND WE ALL KNOW IT!
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IT'S A BLASTED LOVE-IN!
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SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.. LET THE FES-TIVITIES BEGIN!
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KNOW SOMETHIN', BIG BRAIN? IF THIS IS TROUBLE, YA CAN GIMME A STEADY DIET OF THE STUFF!
USE YOUR HEAD BEN! CAN'T YOU SEE HOW PHONY IT IS?
THEY'RE LIKE PUPPETS... DANCING ON THEIR STRINGS!
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CRYS! WHATEVER THIS IS... WE'LL FACE IT TOGETHER!
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, JOHNNY... NOTHING ELSE MATTERS!
LISTEN! EVERY SECOND WE WASTE HERE, GIVES DOOM MORE TIME TO PERFECT HIS PLAN ...WHATEVER IT MAY BE!
I'VE GOT TO MOVE... NOW.. TO MAKE HIM TIP HIS HAND!
BUT, WHAT CAN YOU DO? THERE'S NO ONE ...TO FIGHT!
I'LL PROVE TO YOU HOW FREE EVERYONE REALLY IS!
STAND BACK! I'M MAKING A DASH ...FOR THE BORDER!
REED!
HE WAS STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS!! BY A STUN BLAST!
VERY FOOLISH OF YOU, CITIZEN!
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BRILLIANT BITS OF BLOCK-BUSTING BOMBAST STRAIGHT FROM YOUR BLUSHIN' BULLPEN!

DIDJA KNOW? The already-classic wedding of Hank and Jan (Goliath and the Wasp) in THE AVENGERS last ish was written by RASCALLY ROY while on his own Caribbean honeymoon! Looks like fearless Forbush may be replaced by cuddly Cupid if we don't watch out!

DIDJA KNOW? Merry MARIE SEVERIN just has to be "Miss Versatile of 1968"! She did such a great job pinch-hitting as Sub-Mariner's penciller when Big JOHN BUSCEMA took a vacation that she ended up as ol' Wet-Head's newest illustrator, to give the big guy more time for the AVENGERS and the sensational SILVER SURFER! Marie's also one of the finest cartoon humorists on the scene today as evinced by her side-splitting covers and strips in NOT BRAND ECHH! And, if you could see the sizzling sketches she does of our own Bullpen Bigwigs when they're not looking — like wow! ("There, Marie honey! Isn't all that publicity lots better than the raise you keep clamoring for?" — Sinister Stan.)

DIDJA KNOW? Everyone's talking about Bashful BARRY SMITH, the surprising new staffer we just imported from merrie old England! Barry's artwork is just not to be believed! This young, long-haired, titanically talented Britisher has a style which combines the pulse-pounding power of JACK (King) KIRBY with the off-beat improvisations of Jaunty JIM STERANKO! You've gotta see it to believe it! And see it you will, in X-MEN #53 and an upcoming issue of SHIELD! Let us know which other strips you'd like him to tackle, 'cause we're anxious to see how your opinions compare with ours!

DIDJA KNOW? Darlin' DICK AYERS was getting battle fatigue from an endless diet of SGT. FURY and CAPTAIN SAVAGE, so we decided to give Old Faithful a break. We switched strips between him and Dazzlin' DONNIE HECK — which means Don will be ramroddin' CAP SAVAGE for a spell while Dick sinks his teeth into CAPTAIN MARVEL . . . and we think all you frantic ones are gonna flip over the unexpected results!

DIDJA KNOW? We've sort of lost count, but in the past few months mighty Marvel has been written up in the top newspapers and magazines of Canada, France, England, Italy, Mexico, and almost every other literary-minded nation in the free world. But the most frustrating part about the whole thing is — as in the case of Sweden's *Goteborgs-Posten*, which has been printing a fabulous series of articles about us — we don't know what half of them say — 'cause we haven't the time to translate 'em! Anyway, what's the diff — as long as they mention our names!

DIDJA KNOW? (Here's some fast ones for you —) Wondrous WERNER ROTH was one of Marvel's top Western and romance artists B.X. (Before X-Men). We're still waiting to see him draw a curvy chick kissing a horse while fighting Magneto! GEORGIE (Porgie) KLEIN, our invincible inker, is one of America's top watercolor artists, as is MORRIE (not Morris!) KURAMOTO, Jolly Solly's production pen-pal! . . . When Lovable LINDA FITE gives Stan that mountain of mail to read each day, her laconic little comments, caustically crayoned in the margins, are usually the most hilarious part of the whole shtick! . . . Hey! Guess who's replacing Rav'shin' ROBIN GREEN as the latest Bullpen Girl Friday? None other than Joyful JEAN THOMAS, the Rascally One's lovely new bride! What a way to prolong a honeymoon! . . . Notice how habit forming the artwork of Happy HOWARD PURCELL can be? Since he's taken over the Watcher yarn which rounds out our spellbinding SILVER SURFER mag, we wonder how we ever got along without him! Howie still teaches art in his spare time, so poor Smiley has to think twice before trying to make like an editor! And, by the way, no matter how you slice it, THE SILVER SURFER is probably the biggest smash hit in comic mag publishing since the still-supreme F.F. — just as you knew it would be.

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, students! The subject of today's swingin' seminar will be "Where Do You Nuts Get Your Ideas?" That question is asked of Yours Truly at lectures, interviews, and bull sessions more often than any other. So, let's kick it around for Marveldom Assembled. The point is, ideas are no problem. Here in the Bullpen, we can't talk to each other for five minutes without coming up with a zillion new thoughts and angles. The big hangup is getting the time to develop the ideas . . . to polish them, and refine them until we feel they'll have maximum impact — until we know they'll be an integral part of the ubiquitous Marvel universe! Everyone has ideas — you, I, the gang in the mailroom — even our competitors, bless 'em. What really counts is what you DO with them. We believe that almost any idea can be worthwhile, if it's presented with integrity, taste, and imagination. For, an idea is like a guitar — it doesn't mean a thing unless you know how to use it!

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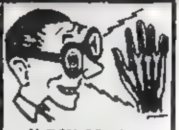

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Dear Stan and Jack,

THE FANTASTIC FOUR is, without a doubt, "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine" — and boy, does it ever show when you come up with an issue which doesn't measure up to par! F. F. #80 didn't, for the reasons I'll mention. 1) "Living Totem" stories are clichés to begin with; and 2) you got off into an area that you simply don't know. The story, judging by the landscape, almost certainly took place in the Southwest (perhaps in the large Navaho reservation that covers northwest New Mexico and northeast Arizona). Yet you have the Indians being fabulously rich in oil and having totems. Stan, the Indians in that entire region are dirt-poor and never had any trees from which to carve totems! (I believe totems are found principally in the Pacific nothwest.) It is true that some of the *Oklahoma* tribes become quite wealthy from oil — but the Indians and the landscape are definitely not from Oklahoma. I live about 20 miles from Oklahoma, and my great grandmother, still living, was born there when it was the Indian Territory. Please keep the story nearer to New York (or do some research with Roy next issue), and stay away from clichés in future stories. (However, I did enjoy seeing the Indians win for a change!)

Joe Pearson, Farm 45, Rt. 2
Iowa Park, Texas 76367

Never mind the *Indians*, Joey boy — when are *Stan and Jack* gonna win for a change? To read some of our mountains of mail, they haven't done anything right since FF #1 . . . and that was a *long* time ago! (At least, that's the way it seems when we sit down on a bleary-eyed Wednesday midnight to type out a letters page!) We were gonna say that ol' Wyatt Wingfoot's tribe *imported* the tree from the tribe next door . . . but *that* might be a cliché, too! See how insecure you've made us, frantic one?

Dear Stan and Jack,

Let it not be said in this misled world of ours that man does not help his brother — human or otherwise — in a time of distress. Let it be known throughout the hallowed halls of Marveldom that I, the raging lion among men, do come to the aid of one surely troubled fellow being. The one of whom I speak is none other than the incomparable Black Bolt, Leader of the Inhumans, and his tormenting silence. The solution to his dilemma lies in past memories. Surely Majestic Stan and Imperial Jack remember the tale of T'Challa, the Black Panther, and his fabled mountain of vibranium. If so, you must then recall the properties of this marvelous metal — this is the answer to the prayers of numerous hearts. By utilizing this fabled ore in a simple sonic modulator, the result will most likely end the suffering and sadness of many. Knowing you will use this information, I will just ask you one simple question, "What the heck do you have to do to get a letter printed?"

Bill Nichols, 404 Ingraham Lane
New Hyde Park, N. Y. 11040

Just write one and drop it in the nearest mailbox! Too bad you forgot to do that, or maybe your letter would've been published in this very issue of F.F., and then we'd have been able to acknowledge your solution to Black Bolt's pressing problem. Sorry about that, B. N.!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I am writing to you about the problems the F.F. are going to have while raising Sue's baby. 1) If the kid has Sue's and Reed's powers, it would not only inevitably make it the Fantastic FIVE, it would also be impossible to punish the kid in any feasible effort. He could become invisible to evade the family or make a force field that even the Thing couldn't break through (and that's not even counting what would happen if he inherited Reed's powers!) 2) If he didn't have powers he would always be the vulnerable "key" for revenge of baddies of the F.F. Outside of that, Crystal would be in line for baby sitting — so that would cause a couple of squawks between Crystal and Johnny later on. I was surprised and I saluted you when you became the first of the two big comic publishers to have married super-heroes. Now I salute you again for taking the big step and letting them have a child. So until Rascally Roy turns in his love beads, MAKE MINE MARVEL!

Chris Loye, 38 Hawthorne Ave.
Princeton, N. J. 08540

Got news for you, Chris. The Rascally One's nifty Nehru and bouncing blond goatee were both gone with the wind the day he recently got married, by special request of the new Mrs. T.! Though, frankly speaking, he still got the best of the deal! However, a few weeks later, joltin' Jeannie changed her mind — about the beard, at least — so back came the goatee! And, just in case, ol' Roy's still keeping those Nehrus pressed . . .! (Not that that has an ever-lovin' thing to do with the F.F.; it just felt nice to answer one letter without having to defend a Bullpen boo-boo or re-explain the Negative Zone!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

The FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL #6 was and is Marvel's most outstanding achievement. The story itself had a few weak spots, like how Sue got the energy from the cylinder — but the arrival of the baby made up for it. Stan, you must be quite a writer (as if I didn't already KNOW that) to build up so much tension prior to the baby's arrival. I was happy to see that the baby was a boy. Hey! I can just see Ben yelling this cry in the future: "IT'S GONNA BE CLOBBERIN' TIME IF YOU DON'T GET TO BED!"

Jerry Winana
Erie, Kansas 66733

Not to mention a whole string of homely little homilies courtesy of Aunt Petunia, eh, Jer? But, if Reed and Sue's little offspring ever gets into Uncle Benjy's imported stogies — *look out!*

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Dear Stan and Jack,

I hate to say this, but Sue Richards is out. When you introduced Crystal's elemental power for the first time extensively in F. F. #81, it made Sue's mediocre invisibility next to nothing. I don't want this to sound like I want Sue bumped off or anything, but with Crystal on the job now, she could very easily force Sue into a position of being a minor character. I notice that Sue wasn't shown once in F. F. #81, even though her appearance in the story wouldn't have been too exciting at the moment anyway. Although Crys is a fitting replacement for Sue, the F. F. as a group just doesn't seem the same without a bunch of invisibility force screens projected all over the place. I can foresee a day when the title of my favorite comic could be changed to the FANTASTIC FIVE, not at all to my displeasure. #81 was one of the fastest moving issues of the F. F. to date. Let's have more full-page panels like the one on page 11. That's one of my few complaints about the F.F. mag in general. You just don't use your full page illustrations enough to show action like you do in DAREDEVIL or SPIDER-MAN. I'm also glad to see the F.F. defeating their villains with their own powers more often. I was getting a little tired of Reed whipping up some device to win their battles for them just when they were at the point of exhaustion. Congratulations are in order for your titanic success in the form of the F.F. SPECIAL. Before I sign off, I'd like to drop a single bomb — Tomazooma was one! So until Galactus uses the more expensive spread, make mine Marvel.

David Shuman, 235 E. 18th St.
Bartlesville, Okla. 74003

Will do, Dave! Meanwhile, we kind'a like your suggestion to turn the FANTASTIC FOUR into the FANTASTIC FIVE, and maybe we will some day . . . and maybe we won't. One thing's for sure, though — that will have to be most definitely the *end!* After all, as any astute aficionado of alliteration can tell you, the FANTASTIC SIX just ain't got it!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Pity the sorry few who are dissatisfied with the Fantastic Four and who wish to see the return of the F. F. of the early years! Pity them, for the frollicking foursome are different from the way they were five years ago! Pity those confused and bewildered ones who believe that the fabulous quartet have changed from the group that brought all early Marvelites and myself into the fold! All I need do is display the Evidence Supreme! The following is an excerpt from the F. F. #81: CRYSTAL: "Johnny! He's getting away!" JOHNNY: "Not if I can help it! and I can help it!" I shall now reveal another excerpt, one from the immemorable F. F. #1: SUE: "Reed, the Mole Man! He's escaping!" REED: "Not if I can help it! And help it I can!" Although many will not accept this evidence, remember that after 6½ years, Stan can still dish out literature as good as he could way back! I could mention dozens of such pieces of evidence, but that would make my letter boring, and I intend to follow Stan's plea for letters to be kept short! As for all you misguided souls, SHAPE UP! The F. F. is still going on in the same great style which started it going almost 7 years ago. If anything has changed, it's your tastes. Face front!

Jeffrey H. Wasserman, 2108 E. 65th St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

You did miss one little detail in your tortorous test, friend Wasserman. Namely, Reed's syntax is just a wee bit fancier than Johnny's. Hmmm . . . come to think of it, if putting subject before verb is the most progress we've made in 6½ years . . . ! Oh well, the F.F. is one of the most popular comic-mags in the world, so I guess we must still be doing *something* right! The only hang-up is . . . *what??*

Dear Psychedelic Stan and Jumpin' Jack,

The explanation to the problem brought up by Sgt. Michael Kuhne in ish #80 is relatively simple. Johnny is obviously deferred from peacetime duty because of his occupation — that of a superhero. After all, with guys like Doc Doom, Magneto, and the Mad Thinker (not to mention Irving Forbush) running around, we have to have somebody to keep them in line so we and General Hershey can sleep nights. (Besides, it would really be a shame to stop that epic battle ensuing between Captain Lyndon and Ho Chi Minh with the fantastic flame of that flamboyant flying figure. How's that for alliteration?) Or, if that explanation doesn't hack it, you could say that the Torch is 4-F, unfit for military service. It would be pretty hard to sleep in the same barracks with a guy who is his own nightlight. Two of the best ideas you have ever incorporated appeared in your last ish: 1) no answers to letters, and 2) using the soapbox — which the readers appreciate and which is an inalienable right of the editor. As the proud possessor of F.F. #1-80, excluding #62, I would like to say that the quality has been progressively getting better, and that's excellent — considering you started at the top. Moreover, the Marvel fantasies are a vital and fresh part of this constantly changing world. One last question, could Titanium Man bash a glad Czech? I hope not. Freak out.

Pressed Rat and Worthog, 221 Sunset
Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701

We hope not ourselves, crew — hope that you won't come up with any more of those poverty-pocket puns, that is! By the way, did you know that both Rascally Roy Thomas and Groovy Gary Friedrich hail from your very own county (township of Jackson — the county seat, no less), and that Roy attended college in your home town? Hmmmm . . . Maybe we should change the name of this letters page to "Rappin' with Rascally"!

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